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SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : May I know, Sir, what is the criterion for declaring a school run by private management as a Certified School?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The suitability of the institution, Sir.

Higher education in rural areas

* 434 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether syllabuses for imparting higher education in rural areas have been prepared?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, Sir. There is at present no separate pattern of "Higher Education in Rural areas" so far as the State Education Department is concerned. Hence, no separate syllabuses for Higher Education in the rural areas have been prepared. But if the Member is referring to the Rural Institutes established under the auspices of the Government of India, I may add that the National Council for Rural Higher Education has approved of the syllabuses for courses in Civil Engineering and Agricultural and Rural Services.

Travelling allowance granted to peons of the former Pudukkottai State Service

* 435 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons for not giving the peons and other menials of the Revenue Department of the former Pudukkottai State the Madras State rate of travelling allowance after merger;

(*b*) the number of peons still receiving the former Pudukkottai State rate of travelling allowance; and

(*c*) the Madras State rates and the former Pudukkottai State rates?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) *to* (*c*) The peons of the former Pudukkottai State were getting only a fixed travelling allowance of Rs. 6 per mensem. On the merger of Pudukkottai with the Madras State, their fixed travelling allowance was raised to Rs. 7–14–0 per mensem from 1st July 1949 and it was again raised subsequently to Rs. 9–14–0 per mensem which is the rate applicable to peons in the other areas in the Madras State. All the peons of the former Pudukkottai State are now getting the Madras State rates of fixed travelling allowance and there is no peon who is receiving the old Pudukkottai State rates.

(* 436 *Q.*—Answered along with starred question No. 430.)